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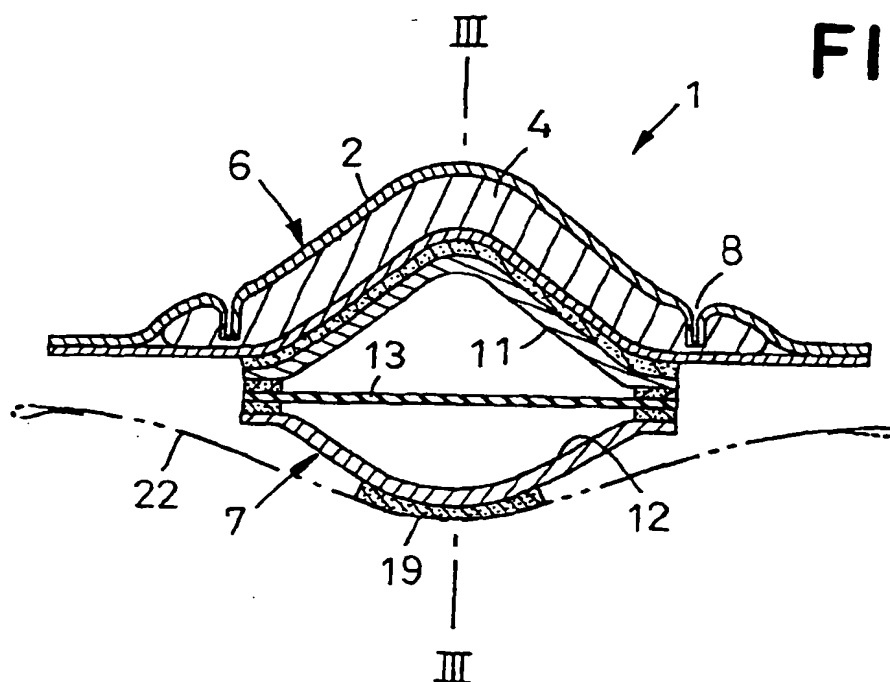
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(54) **Sanitary napkin**

(57) A sanitary napkin 1 includes means 7 adapted to deform an absorbent core 4 convexly upward. The means 7 is elastically stretchable and contractible trans-

versely of the napkin 1 and unobstructed stretch/contraction of the means 7 can be assured by providing the napkin 1 only along its transversely middle region with means 19 used to fasten the napkin to an undergarment.

**FIG.4**



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